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1. The English Channel and the Pyrenees will be the objectives of the Red Army in case the western powers provoke a war in Europe, a group of leading Czechoslovak Communist Party officials were told at a political indoctrination lecture in Prague in July 1950.* The western powers, however, probably will not start a conflict in the immediate future because they do not have the strength, the officials were told.
2. The Soviet Union and the satellite countries need five years of peace to prepare adequately for a war, it was pointed out. In that period they will try to raise the living standards of their own people, and Communists in the West must concentrate on building fifth columns. This is especially necessary in France, Italy and Belgium because the overthrow of the regimes in these countries is essential to outflank West Germany.
3. In the meantime, the fall of Korea, Formosa, and Viet Nam or Malaya to Communist-trained people's armies will have a strong moral effect on the masses of the western countries.
4. Germany, not the Soviet Union, will bear the burden of any future war, it was stated.

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